

In 1942, he earned a bachelor's degree in geology at the University of Southern California, USC. He then went to work for the U.S. Geological Survey in Washington, DC, where he met the love of his life, the former Martha Seymour. In April 1944, they were married, beginning a journey together that lasted 61 years.

A month after their wedding, LeRoy joined the U.S. Navy as an officer. He served as an intelligence specialist in the Pacific during the final months of World War II. In early 1946, he was reassigned to Key West, and after his discharge, he returned to USC to study law. He received his juris doctorate degree in 1949. After passing the State Bar of California exam on his first try, he became a general practitioner in Santa Ana.

Mr. Speaker, after the Korean War began, LeRoy was recalled to active duty in 1951. In Korea, he served with Vice Admiral C. Turner Joy's staff for the initial truce talks. Interestingly, he was still on active duty as a Navy lieutenant at Miramar Naval Air Station in the San Diego area when he was elected to the California State Assembly in 1952. In the legislature, he championed right-to-work laws, believing it to be the way to increase dignity and empowerment for individual workers.

Following his brief tenure as a legislator, he applied his legal mind, legislative know-how, and professional contacts to advocate on behalf of the California Railroad Association. He represented the organization both in Washington and Sacramento, also serving as general counsel. After 20 years, he became a lobbyist representing several clients with the firm of A.E. Davis & Co. until his retirement in 1990.

Surpassing his contributions to his country through military and political service, LeRoy was known as a humble, caring father and husband. He upheld the tenants of his Christian faith with honor. In short, my friend LeRoy was a good man.

He is survived by his wife, Martha "Marty" Lyon of Granite Bay; daughters Sylvia Foster of Hillsboro, Ore., Janet White of Colfax and Rebekah Lawson of Forest Hill; a brother, the Rev. W. DeWitt Lyon of Fullerton; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ted Lyon, in 2003.

Today, I join with LeRoy E. Lyon Jr.'s family, friends, and community to commemorate his life of committed service, good citizenship, and uncommon decency. May he rest in peace.

A TRIBUTE TO MR. CLAIR M.
CARLIN OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the life and work of community leader Attorney Clair M. Carlin of Youngstown, Ohio. His life was marked by distinguished service to his country, the state of Ohio, and the Youngstown area.

Mr. Carlin was born on April 20, 1947 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to Charles W. and Caroline Vukasich Carlin. While acquiring his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics

from The Ohio State University in 1969, Mr. Carlin served as a Second Lieutenant in Ohio State's ROTC program. In 1972, he graduated from the U.S. Army Signal Officer Basic Course at Fort Gordon and simultaneously obtained a law degree from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. Mr. Carlin subsequently attended the Military Police Officers Advance Course in 1979 as well as the Command and General Staff College in 1980. Until 1982, he served in the Army National Guard.

Throughout his career, Mr. Carlin held many distinguished positions including Special Counsel for the city of Youngstown and the Ohio Office of Attorney General, Hearing Examiner for the Ohio Department of Taxation, State Director of Catholic War Veterans, and Law Director for the City of Newton Falls. Additionally, Mr. Carlin served as the President of the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers and was the Governor of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He was also a member of the American Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and was President of the Mahoning County Bar Association.

Finally, Mr. Carlin contributed greatly to his community. He was an active member of the Mahoning County Volunteer Services Agency Board of Directors, the Ohio Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and the American Legion Post in Poland, Ohio. Mr. Carlin's proudest personal achievement, however, was attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America.

Mr. Carlin was a loving husband to his wife, Pamela Rodehaver, and a caring father to his children Elizabeth, Alexander, and Eric. So today, I wish to honor Mr. Clair Carlin whose life's work prevails as a model for all.

TRIBUTE TO COL CHARLES S.
SERIO, MSC, USA, PH.D., ON HIS
RETIREMENT AS BRIGADE COM-
MANDER OF THE UNIFORMED
SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE
HEALTH SERVICES

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank Charles S. Serio, COL, MSC, USA, Ph.D, Brigade Commander of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, USUHS for his tremendous service to our country. On September 7, 2005, Colonel Serio marked the end of eight years of service at USUHS, and concluded a 37-year career of Federal service.

Colonel Serio was born on August 26, 1946, and graduated from his home-state University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, in 1969. He earned his Master Degree in 1973 and completed his Doctoral Degree in Immunology in 1975. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Among his numerous awards and decorations are the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Army Superior Unit Award, the National Defense Service

Award, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Colonel Serio has also earned the following badges, which denote operational expertise: Airborne, Air Assault, Expert Field Medical, and German Troop Proficiency Duty, Gold.

He was awarded the "A" Proficiency Designator in Immunology by the Army Surgeon General, the highest award given in recognition of professional accomplishment by the United States Army Medical Department. He was also selected as a member of the "Order of the Military Medical Merit," which denotes distinguished service as recognized by the senior leadership of the Army Medical Department. Colonel Serio is the author of numerous scientific publications in immunology and radiobiology in both national and international journals.

His career includes positions of responsibility such as: the Detachment Commander, 330th General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee; Clinical Laboratory Officer and Bacteriologist with the 326th Medical Detachment, 801st General Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Chief of the Immunology Branch, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas; Microbiology Consultant to the Commanding General, 7th MEDCOM; Staff Officer and Manager of Science and Technology, Medical Research and Material Command, Fort Detrick, Maryland; and, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York.

In June of 1997, Colonel Serio was selected to serve as the 4th Brigade Commander at USUHS. As the Brigade Commander, Colonel Serio was recognized as the senior officer of the University with responsibility for command of over 1,000 members of the USUHS Brigade, representing the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, and Public Health Service. Colonel Serio served as the senior military advisor to the President of USUHS for 8 years. During his service as the USUHS Brigade Commander, he became an invaluable asset as a role model, teacher and mentor to over 1,500 uniformed medical, nursing, and graduate students. Colonel Serio provided lectures to the USUHS medical and nursing students in pathophysiology, immunology, biological warfare, and military leadership. He created a recognized Brigade command structure and curriculum in support of the USUHS mission, implemented military unique and significant programs and internationally recognized field training exercises, annually coordinated the USUHS graduation ceremonies, monitored the USUHS strategic goal on military leadership development, and annually exceeded the University's goals in the Combined Federal Campaigns.

His longstanding role as a soldier, scientist, educator, and leader in both undergraduate and graduate education has supported and ensured medical readiness during more than one global conflict. USUHS is recognized as the most cost-effective and qualified source for the recruitment and development of uniformed officers who will hold significant leadership and operational positions throughout the Military Health System. Colonel Serio can be assured that his influence and leadership have greatly assisted the future patients and command officers who will be served by the

uniquely trained USUHS graduates—physicians, advanced practice nurses, and scientists. The University fulfills a critical core requirement for medical readiness in the Department of Defense; and, Colonel Serio has greatly contributed to the preparation of dedicated, career-oriented uniformed officers who will care for those who are sent into harm's way.

I take this opportunity to thank COL Charles Serio for his tremendous dedication and love for our Nation and wish him well as he retires to begin his next demanding career as a grandfather to his five grandchildren along with his three daughters, Shanna, Jada and Tara, and his wife, the former Belva L. McCormick.

STATEMENT ON HURRICANE KATRINA

HON. CYNTHIA MCKINNEY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, On September 2, 2005, I made the following statement at a press conference in Atlanta, GA and I submit it for the RECORD.

I thank the Mayor and my colleagues for convening this press conference to express solidarity in our concern for the plight of Katrina's victims. The message today is that while we are watching this tragedy unfold, we are not sitting idly by.

The Office of the Fourth Congressional District has adopted Baton Rouge Mosque #65 which is housing 100 New Orleans residents. They need dry goods, food, and hygiene kits. Anyone interested in helping us help these 100 people, please bring donations to our Congressional office as soon as possible.

As we open our hearts, pocketbooks, and homes to Katrina's victims, it is now imperative that the Government do its part.

To see it coming is not enough. The Administration appears flat-footed as its actions have not been fast enough and remain slower than most Americans can comprehend. A responsive government would:

1. Maximize the use of U.S. Customs air assets to drop badly needed food and supplies to the people. Sadly, I have been told by an investigative journalist that precious Customs air assets are available, but are not being used to ferry badly-needed food, radios, and supplies. We dropped food in Afghanistan, certainly we can drop food in the United States.

2. Tell the people what they can expect from their leadership in authority. Clear lines of authority should have been established and the people informed of what the government was going to do to alleviate their suffering. Much of the confusion and chaos we are witnessing is due to ineffective communication of the plan of action to the people in the affected areas.

3. Preposition necessities. It is clear that the Administration failed to preposition hospital ships, pumps, and supplies, in the face of a Category 5 hurricane barreling toward the Gulf States. The Administration is just now mobilizing to satisfy the massive and desperate need. And sadly, 40 percent of the Mississippi National Guard are in Iraq; 35 percent of the Louisiana National Guard are in Iraq; for Florida, the figure is 25 percent; Alabama has 23 percent of its Guard stationed in Iraq.

4. Be careful of the language used. What media bright light decided to term the New

Orleans residents as "refugees"? It is insulting and should be stopped immediately. And, how dare anyone talk down to a devastated population while Bunnatine Greenhouse sits busted from her job because she dared to pull the plug on Halliburton's looting of the U.S. Treasury of billions of dollars. The President asks for patience and lends Katrina's victims his thoughts and prayers. That is not enough given the magnitude of the problem. And FEMA should not now tell victims to take responsibility, but must instead deal with its own responsibility to care for a devastated population. And finally, talk from Speaker Hastert and others questioning the value of rebuilding the City of New Orleans should be arrested immediately.

5. Recalibrate its values and priorities. New Orleans is not just a home for hundreds of thousands; its ports form the heart of America's domestic and international commerce, and our oil and gas nerve center. Shame on this Administration for slashing money to protect New Orleans and shifting it to Halliburton and Iraq. Shame on this Administration for not curtailing our dependency on overconsumption of oil; and for not recognizing global warming. Shame on this Administration for failing to take care of the American people.

6. Offer maximum assistance to people in need. Houston's Astrodome has already reached its capacity. Atlanta has the capacity to give and a desire to share.

Thank you.

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3169 AND H.R. 3668

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support H.R. 3169, the Pell Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act, and H.R. 3668, the Student Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act, introduced by my colleagues, Congressmen KELLER and JINDAL, respectively.

H.R. 3169 would waive Pell grant repayment requirements for students that were impacted by natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. Mr. KELLER, who serves with me on the 21st Century Competitiveness Subcommittee on Education and the Workforce, has been advocating for this change in the law since his State of Florida was hit by four hurricanes last year, and he saw how students' lives were impacted by the devastation wrought by the hurricanes.

The Pell Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act will ensure that Hurricane Katrina does not derail the educational dreams of our neediest students. I am pleased to co-sponsor this bill and appreciate its speedy consideration by our leadership.

H.R. 3668 complements Mr. KELLER's bill by waiving repayment requirements for other Federal student grant aid programs that were affected by a natural disaster. I know that this is a difficult time for Mr. JINDAL, his family, and his constituents whose homes have been destroyed and their families scattered across the country. I applaud Congressman JINDAL for his leadership on this bill, and for his ongoing courage and strength throughout this difficult time.

This legislation is the right thing to do because it helps increase assistance and flexibility for students and families impacted by

Hurricane Katrina. Students affected by this devastating natural disaster will be able to focus on rebuilding their lives without an additional burden on their backs.

In the coming days and weeks, I will continue to work with my colleagues and with the administration and governmental agencies to examine the areas that have been impacted by this terrible tragedy and what additional flexibility and assistance we may be able to provide to help restore normalcy to students and their families.

I thank Mr. KELLER and Mr. JINDAL for their leadership on these bills, and I gladly support their efforts.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SILVER JUBILEE OF THE DOELGER SENIOR CENTER OF DALY CITY

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to recognize the Doelger Senior Center of Daly City, California, located in my Congressional district, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary silver jubilee. Serving the elderly of Daly City, Doelger Senior Center enhances the quality of life and promotes wellness by providing social, educational and health services to all adults, ages fifty and older.

In 1978, seniors had the vision of a senior center in Daly City. After 16 months of campaigning by wearing orange buttons, their hope for a center became a reality when Daly City and Thelma Doelger purchased a "released" school site, Abraham Lincoln School. Mrs. Doelger offered to share the cost of the school in memory of her late husband Henry, who had created the Westlake planned community. Following a year of fundraising and planning, move-in began at the new Doelger Senior Center. On November 1, 1980, Mayor Anthony Giammona dedicated the building and Edward M. King of Doelger Enterprises presented the building to the City of Daly City.

Through its 25 years of service to the community, many members of the Doelger Senior Center have played an influential role in its successful and continual service to Daly City elders. President Emeritus Edward King founded the center along with board members Alfred Belotz and William Crocker. Beverly di Gregorio and Richard Slater also served on the board of founding directors.

Today, Doelger Senior Center provides and delivers 50,000 meals to Lincoln Community Center and the homebound. Additionally, the center offers more than 100 different classes and programs. Both the young and the old enjoy center-sponsored activities, such as the Pre-independence party on July 3rd.

Mr. Speaker, the Doelger Senior Center remains a vigorous, expanding, and exciting community organization. The Doelger Senior Center continuously stands as a community of care, entertainment, friendship, support, and education. I urge all my colleagues to join me in commending the Doelger Senior Center on the occasion of their 25th anniversary and wish its members continued success.